



GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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This is the seventh edition of *Go Hunt Hawai'i*, a quarterly newsletter to connect hunters and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). [Sign up](#) to stay up to date on announcements, changes to hunting areas, research on animal populations and more.

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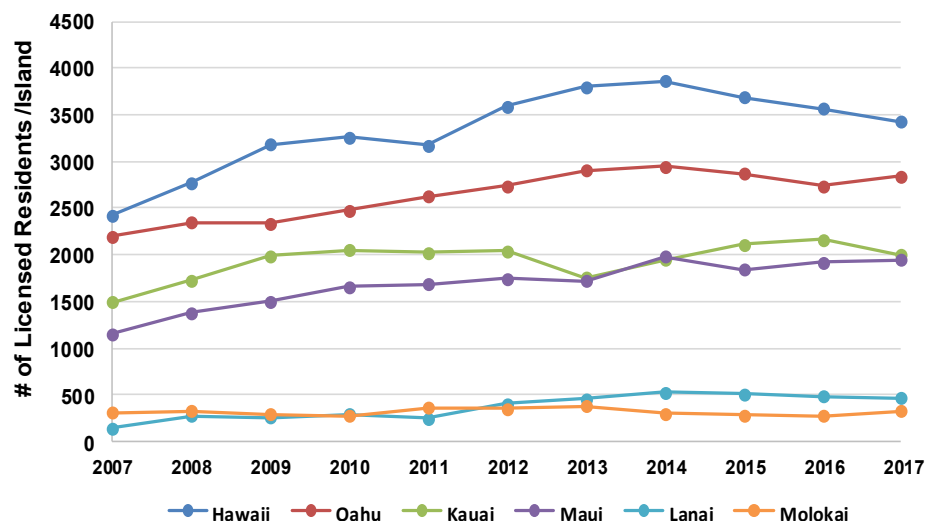
Hunter License Statistics for Hawai'i

A large number of licensed hunters in the state are residents of Hawai'i Island, followed by O'ahu, Kaua'i and Maui. The figure on the upper right shows the total number of residents with a hunting license per island for fiscal years 2007 - 2017.

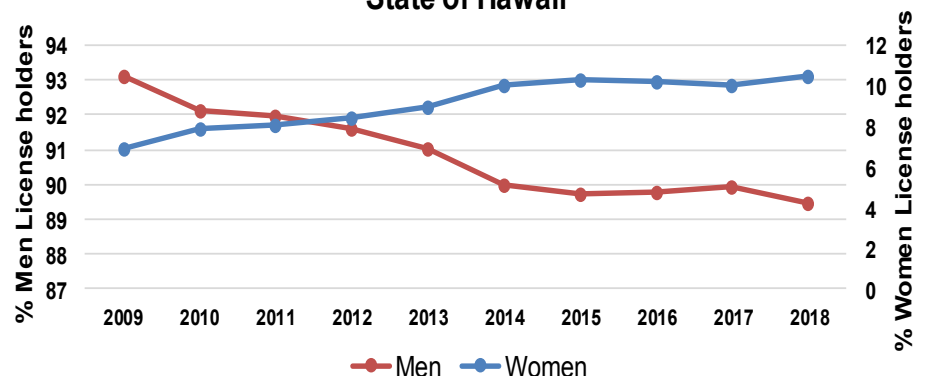
These numbers only show where licensed hunters reside, but many hunters travel to neighboring islands to take advantage of different hunting opportunities. For instance, even though the number of licensed resident hunters on Lāna'i is low, many hunters from neighboring islands hunt Axis deer and Mouflon sheep on Lāna'i.

Interestingly, even though most licensed hunters are men (90%) versus women (10%), the number of women who hold hunting licenses has been increasing over the past decade whereas the number of men who hold hunting licenses is decreasing. The figure on the lower right shows the percentage of men and women license holders for fiscal year 2009 - 2018.

Number of Licensed Residents per Island



Percent Men & Women Hunting License Holders in the State of Hawaii





Game Bird Survey at Kapapala GMA

The official game bird survey for Kapapala Game Management Area was conducted from September 17-21, 2018. DOFAW staff set up and surveyed transects that covered 45 miles of Kapapala . While surveying without dogs on Sept 17 & 18, DOFAW staff detected 81 game birds. On the following days with dogs assisting, they detected 62 game birds.

The next game bird survey on Hawai'i Island is planned to take place in Mauna Kea GMA in mid-October.



DOFAW Staff and Dr. Javier Cotín survey the game bird population at Kapapala GMA.

Announcements

GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

COMMISSION UPDATES

Chair	Lori Buchanan	(Molokai)
Members	Robert Cremer	(Kauai)
	Nancy Timko	(Member at Large)
	Ryan Kohatsu	(East Hawaii)
	Josiah Jury	(Oahu)
	Glennon Gingo	(West Hawaii)
	Vacant	(Maui)
	Stanley Ruidas	(Lanai)

Ex officio (voting)... Robert K. Masuda (Designee for Chair person, Board of Land and Natural Resources)

The GMAC is looking to fill the vacant Maui Commissioner seat.

If you are interested in serving on the GMAC, please fill out the online application [HERE](#).

GMAC members act in an advisory capacity for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, which sets policies for the Department.

LANA'I

AXIS DEER SEASON

Dates for the Lana'i Axis deer season have been announced.

The deadline for all hunts will be 4:00 p.m. Friday November 2, 2018.

For season length, bag limits, and other information for all hunts, please see [Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting"](#).



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